



*City of Columbia
A Proclamation*

WHEREAS, William Hines Linder was born on January 17, 1934 in Florence, South Carolina and during the sixth grade Mr. Linder and his family moved to Columbia where he began school at Snyder Elementary and went on to Hand Junior High School and graduated from Dreher High School in 1952; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder graduated from the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York and served over three years in the military and went on to graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology with a master's degree and Ph.D; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder was a professor at the University of South Carolina in the Department of Computer Science for 12 years, was elected Treasurer of Richland County for 12 years and was a longtime member of the Richland County District One school board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder began triathlon training in his early 50's and completed his first Ironman race in 1999 in Florida and has since qualified eight times for the Ironman Triathlon competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder finished second in his age group in 2011 at the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii and in the 2013 race he was the oldest American to compete; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Linder is married to Lynne Linder and they have a son, William, and a daughter, Caroline, who both are natural athletes and still compete in their respective sports today; and

WHEREAS, the City Of Columbia wishes Mr. Linder the best of luck in all his future races and wishes him happiness and health.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Stephen K. Benjamin, Mayor of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, along with my fellow members of Columbia City Council, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 12, 2013 as

Bill Linder Day

in the City of Columbia and urge my fellow citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

*Stephen K. Benjamin
Mayor*

*Sam Davis
District I, Council Member*

*Tameika Isaac Devine
At-Large, Council Member*

*Leona Plough
District IV, Council Member*

*Brian DeQuincey Newman
District II, Council Member*

*Cameron Runyan
At-Large, Council Member*

*Moe Baddourah
District III, Council Member*